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NON-PAPERS ON PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY FAMILY REUNIFICATIONS

REF:(A) 76 BERLIN 7151, (B) 76 STATE 307806, AND(C) BERLIN 5023

1. ON JANUARY 10, EMBOFF MET WITH OFFICIALS OF GDR MFA CONSULAR  
DEPARTMENT ( GRAHLE AND KOLASA) TO HAND OVER TWO NON-PAPERS LISTING  
PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY FAMILY REUNIFICATIONS RESPECTIVELY, IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS IN REF.(A). LISTS INCLUDED  
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FOLLOWING CASES:  
A. PERMANENT FAMILY REUNIFICATION  
PETRA E. HANDAU - "FIRST LIST" - REQUEST FOR PRISON STATUS.  
SWETLANA VERENA STODDER - " FIRST LIST".  
ROWWITHA JOPKE AND THREE CHILDREN -"SECOND LIST".  
GERTRUD STOEHR  
MANFRED STACHEL AND FAMILY.

B. TEMPORARY FAMILY REUNIFICATION

GOTTFRIED KORN  
KLAUS PETER JONAS  
CHRISTA KIAUPA  
MICHAEL KNUST  
BARBARA MALY  
RUTH G. RUEPPLE

2. EMBOFF REFERRED TO CHARGE'S PREVIOUS TALK WITH AMBASSADOR BOCK (SEE REF C.) ON THE WHOLE RANGE OF CSCE ISSUES AND SAID THAT US ENVISAGED REGULAR PRESENTATION OF CASES OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO US AT SUCH TIMES. SUCH PRESENTATIONS WERE BEING UNDERTAKEN IN THE BELIEF THAT THEY WOULD BE HELPFUL TO THE GDR IN KEEPING TRACK OF WHAT CASES WERE IMPORTANT TO THE USG FROM TIME TO TIME AND WITHOUT RECRIMINATION. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE USG WOULD OF COURSE ALSO REMAIN CONCERNED ABOUT CASES WHICH MIGHT NOT BE INCLUDED ON SUCH LISTS. FURTHER, THE UNITED STATES PROCEEDED FROM THE STANDPOINT THAT ALL SIGNATORY STATES WERE INTERESTED IN CONTINUED CSCE IMPLEMENTATION AS A PROCESS WHICH, IF STEADY AND BROAD RANGING IN CHARACTER, COULD, THROUGH TIME, CONTRIBUTE TO THE REDUCTION OF TENSIONS AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE SIGNATORY STATES. EMBOFF ALSO REFERRED TO RECENT PROGRESS IN HUMANITARIAN CASES AND NOTED THAT US HAD EXPRESSED ITS SATISFACTION THEREWITH IN BOTH WASHINGTON AND BERLIN. HE COMPLETED WITH A REVIEW OF THE INDIVIDUAL CASES ON BOTH LISTS.

3. GRAHLE SAID THAT HE WOULD PASS LISTS ON TO RESPONSIBLE GDR STATE ORGANS, E.G. INTERIOR MINISTRY, AND NOTED THAT MFA WAS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR RESOLUTION OF SUCH CASES. WHEN EMBOFF ASKED

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THAT MFA ALSO COMMUNICATE USG INTEREST IN RESOLUTION OF SUCH CASES, GRAHLE SAID HE WOULD. HE THEN REVIEWED BRIEFLY AGAIN GDR EXIT PROCEDURES, WITH WHICH WE ARE FAMILIAR, AND SAID THAT "AS SOON AS DECISIONS ARE REACHED" THE AFFECTED PERSON WOULD BE TOLD. THE EMBASSY WOULD, AT ANY RATE, LEARN OF THE DECISIONS "ONE WAY OR ANOTHER". EMBOFF SAID THAT US WAS MORE INTERESTED IN POSITIVE RESULTS THAN THE METHOD BY WHICH THEY WERE COMMUNICATED. BOTH GRAHLE AND KOLASA AGREED THAT RESULTS WERE IMPORTANT BUT GRAHLE ADDED THAT COMMUNICATION WITH THE EMBASSY MIGHT OCCUR IN SOME CASES.

4. COMMENT IN REVIEWING RECORDS OF OUR CONVERSATION WITH GDR MFA CONSULAR DEPARTMENT SINCE EMBASSY'S OPENING, WE SENSE THAT THE ATMOSPHERE WAS EASIER THAN IT HAS BEEN IN THE PAST, AT LEAST WHEN WE HAVE DISCUSSED HUMANITARIAN CASES. SEVERAL POINTS STRIKE US AS SIGNIFICANT.

A. THE GDR OFFICIALS DID NOT REJECT THE IDEA OF REGULAR LISTS OF CASES BEING HANDED TO THEM.

B. THE GDR OFFICIALS SUGGESTED THAT THERE MIGHT BE

DIRECT COMMUNICATION WITH THE EMBASSY IN SUCH CASES. HERETOFORE, THE EMBASSY HAS REGULARLY LEARNED OF RESOLUTIONS FROM THE GDR PRINCIPAL RATHER THAN THE GDR MFA.

C. THIS RELATIVELY CORDIAL CONVERSATION OCCURRED ABOUT WEEK AFTER THE SPATE OF GDR STEPS ATTEMPTING TO SUGGEST A UNILATERAL ALTERATION IN BERLIN'S STATUS - STEPS WHICH FLAVOR US-GDR RELATIONS FOR THE NEAR AND MIDDLE TERM.

D. ON THIS OCCASION, THE GDR DISCUSSION PARTNERS DID NOT, AS IS THEIR WONT, RESPOND TO US PRESENTATIONS WITH COMPLAINTS, COUNTER CHARGES OR THE LIKE.

5. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THIS ENCOUNTER WAS CHARACTERIZED BY RELATIVELY GOOD ATMOSPHERICS BUT NOTHING IN THE WAY OF SPECIFIC POSITIVE ACTION. TALK IS CHEAP AND WE WILL ONLY KNOW IF THESE PRESENTATIONS ARE WORTHWHILE WHEN WE TOTAL UP THE RECORD SHORTLY BEFORE THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE.  
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